

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 1, 2, 7 and 27, and add new Claims 28 to 30 as shown below. The claims, as pending in the subject application, now read as follows:

1. (Currently amended) An information processing method of recording or accumulating job log information on a job issued from a client computer ~~an information processing apparatus connectable~~ to an image forming apparatus, comprising:

an acquisition step of acquiring the job log information from the client computer ~~information processing apparatus~~ or the image forming apparatus, wherein the job log information includes driver information identifying a driver program which is performed in the client computer and generates the issued job;

a driver information acquisition step of acquiring the driver information from the job log information acquired in the acquisition step, ~~in which the driver information identifies a driver which generates the issued job~~;

a determination step of determining whether or not to record or accumulate the job log information acquired in the acquisition step, in accordance with the driver information acquired in the driver information acquisition step; and

a recording/accumulation step of recording or accumulating the job log information determined in the determination step to be recorded or accumulated,

wherein, in the determination step, it is determined by using the driver recording/accumulation step, job log information that the job log information related to an issued determined in the determination step to be accumulated is extracted and accumulated from pieces of acquired job which is not accompanied by a printout should not be recorded or accumulated

~~log information, and grasp of the number of output pages or charging of an output job is performed.~~

2. (Currently amended) An information processing method of recording or accumulating job log information on a job issued from a client computer ~~an information processing apparatus~~ connectable to an image forming apparatus, comprising:

an acquisition step of acquiring the job log information from the client computer,
wherein the job log information includes port information ~~processing apparatus or the image forming apparatus~~;

a port information acquisition step of acquiring the port information from the job log information acquired in the acquisition step;

a determination step of determining whether or not to record or accumulate the job log information acquired in the acquisition step, in accordance with the port information acquired in the port information acquisition step; and

a recording/accumulation step of recording or accumulating the job log information determined in the determination step to be recorded or accumulated,

wherein, in the determination recording/accumulation step, it is determined by using the port job log information that the job log information related to an issued job which is not accompanied by a printout should not be recorded or accumulated ~~determined in the determination step to be accumulated is extracted and accumulated from pieces of acquired job log information, and grasp of the number of output pages or charging of an output job is performed.~~

3. (Canceled)

4. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 2, wherein the image forming apparatus to which the job log information has been issued is specified in accordance with the port information acquired by the port information acquisition step.

5. and 6. (Canceled)

7. (Currently amended) The method according to claim 1, wherein in the determination step, whether to record or accumulate the job log information is determined on the basis of whether the job log information acquired in the acquisition step coincides with a condition contained in a non-recording target database prepared in advance.

8. (Canceled)

9. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 7, wherein the non-recording target database contains non-recording driver information not to be recorded or accumulated, and wherein, in the determination step, whether to record or accumulate the job log information is determined on the basis of whether the driver information acquired from the job log information acquired in the acquisition step is the non-recording driver information.

10. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 7, further comprising a registration step of registering in the non-recording target database a condition of job log information not to be recorded or accumulated.

11. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 1, wherein, in the determination step, whether to record or accumulate the job log information is determined on the basis of whether the job log information acquired in the acquisition step coincides with a condition contained in a recording database prepared in advance.

12. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 1, wherein, in the recording/accumulation step, the job log information determined in the determination step to be recorded is recorded in a database in a searchable format.

13. (Canceled)

14. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 2, wherein, in the determination step, whether to record or accumulate the job log information is determined on the basis of whether the job log information acquired in the acquisition step coincides with a condition contained in a non-recording target database prepared in advance.

15. (Currently amended) The method according to claim 14, wherein the non-recording target database contains non-recording port information not to be recorded or accumulated, and

wherein, in the determination step, whether to record or accumulate the job log information is determined on the basis of whether the port information acquired from the job log information acquired in the acquisition step is the non-recording port information.

16. (Canceled)

17. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 14, further comprising a registration step of registering in the non-recording target database a condition of job log information not to be recorded or accumulated.

18. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 2, wherein, in the determination step, whether to record or accumulate the job log information is determined on the basis of whether the job log information acquired in the acquisition step coincides with a condition contained in a recording database prepared in advance.

19. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 2, wherein, in the recording/accumulation step, the job log information determined in the determination step to be recorded is recorded in a database in a searchable format.

20. (Canceled)

21. (Currently amended) An information processing server which records or accumulates job log information on a job issued to an image forming apparatus from a ~~an~~ ~~information processing~~ client computer connected to a network, comprising:

an acquisition unit configured to acquire the job log information from the ~~information processing~~ client computer or the image forming apparatus wherein the job log information includes driver information identifying a driver program which is performed in the client computer and generates the issued job;

a driver information acquisition unit for acquiring the driver information from the job log information acquired from the acquisition unit, ~~in which the driver information identifies a driver which generates the issued job~~;

a determination unit configured to determine whether or not to record the job log information acquired by said acquisition unit, in accordance with a driver which generates data of the issued job; and

a recording/accumulation unit configured to record or accumulate the job log information determined by said determination unit to be recorded or accumulated,

wherein, in the determination step, it is determined by using the driver information that the job log information related to an issued job which is not accompanied by printout should not be recorded or accumulated in the recording/accumulation unit, job log information determined by the determination unit to be accumulated is extracted and accumulated from pieces of acquired job log information, and grasp of the number of output pages or charging of an output job is performed.

22. (Currently amended) An information processing server which records or accumulates job log information on a job issued to an image forming apparatus from an information processing client computer connected to a network, comprising:

an acquisition unit configured to acquire the job log information from the client computer, wherein the job log information includes port information information processing client or the image forming apparatus;

a port information acquisition unit configured to acquire the port information from the job log information acquired from the acquisition unit;

a determination unit configured to determine whether or not to record or accumulate the job log information acquired by said acquisition unit, in accordance with the port information acquired from the port information acquisition unit; and

a recording/accumulation unit configured to record or accumulate the job log information determined by said determination unit to be recorded or accumulated,

wherein, in the determination unit, it is determined by using the port information that the job log information related to an issued job which is not accompanied by printout should not be recorded or accumulated in the recording/accumulation unit, job log information determined by the determination unit to be accumulated is extracted and accumulated from pieces of acquired job log information, and grasp of the number of output pages or charging of an output job is performed.

23. and 24. (Canceled)

25. (Currently amended) A computer-readable storage medium storing a computer-executable program for managing job information on a job issued from a client computer ~~an information processing apparatus~~ to an image forming apparatus, wherein the program causes a computer to execute:

an acquisition step of acquiring the job log information from the client computer ~~information processing apparatus~~ or the image forming apparatus, wherein the job log information includes driver information identifying a driver program which is performed in the client computer and generates the issued job;

a driver information acquisition step of acquiring the driver information from the job log information acquired in the acquisition step, ~~in which the driver information identifies a driver which generates the issued job~~;

a determination step of determining whether or not to record or accumulate the job log information acquired in the acquisition step, in accordance with the driver information acquired in the driver information acquisition step; and

a recording/accumulation step of recording or accumulating the job log information determined in the determination step to be recorded or accumulated,

wherein, in the determination step, it is determined by using the driver recording/accumulation step, job log information that the job log information related to an issued determined in the determination step to be accumulated is extracted and accumulated from pieces of acquired job which is not accompanied by a printout should not be recorded or accumulated log information, and grasp of the number of output pages or charging of an output job is performed.

26. (Currently amended) A computer-readable storage medium storing a computer-executable program for managing job log information on a job issued from a client computer ~~an information processing apparatus~~ to an image forming apparatus, wherein the program causes a computer to execute:

an acquisition step of acquiring the job log information from the client computer,
~~wherein the job log information includes port information processing apparatus or the image forming apparatus;~~

a port information acquisition step of acquiring the port information from the job log information acquired in the acquisition step;

a determination step of determining whether or not to record or accumulate the job log information acquired in the acquisition step, in accordance with the port information acquired in the port information acquisition step; and

a recording/accumulation step of recording or accumulating the job log information determined in the determination step to be recorded or accumulated, wherein, in the determination recording/accumulation step, it is determined by using the port job log information that the job log information related to an issued job which is not accompanied by a printout should not be recorded or accumulated ~~determined in the determination step to be accumulated is extracted and accumulated from pieces of acquired job log information, and grasp of the number of output pages or charging of an output job is performed.~~

27. (Currently amended) An information processing method of recording or accumulating job log information on a job issued from a client computer ~~an information processing apparatus~~ connectable to an image forming apparatus, comprising:

an acquisition step of acquiring the job log information from the client computer ~~information processing apparatus or the image forming apparatus~~;

an output destination determination step of determining whether the output destination of the job corresponding to the job log information is the client computer ~~information processing apparatus or the image forming apparatus~~;

a determination step of determining whether or not to record or accumulate the job log information acquired in the acquisition step, in accordance with the result of determination in the output destination determination step; and

a recording/accumulation step of recording or accumulating the job log information determined in the determination step to be recorded or accumulated,

wherein, when it is determined in the output destination determination step that the output determination of the job corresponding to the job log information is the client computer, it is determined in the determination step that the job log information should not be recorded or accumulated in the recording/accumulation step, job log information determined in the determination step to be accumulated is extracted and accumulated from pieces of acquired job log information, and grasp of the number of output pages or charging of an output job is performed.

28. (New) The method according to claim 1, wherein, in the recording/accumulation step, job log information determined in the determination step to be

accumulated is extracted and accumulated from pieces of acquired job log information, and grasp of the number of output pages or charging of an output job is performed.

29. (New) The method according to claim 2, wherein, in the recording/accumulation step, job log information determined in the determination step to be accumulated is extracted and accumulated from pieces of acquired job log information, and grasp of the number of output pages or charging of an output job is performed.

30. (New) The method according to claim 27, wherein, in the recording/accumulation step, job log information determined in the determination step to be accumulated is extracted and accumulated from pieces of acquired job log information, and grasp of the number of output pages or charging of an output job is performed.